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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-57

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

ALL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: Adoption Waiting Lists

REFERENCE:

Adoption applicants on county waiting lists are occastionally disadvantaged when they move to another county. In the interests of assuring uniformity in providing services to adoptive families who change their county of residence, we are making the following requests. We request that agencies who have waiting lists place applicants who move from another county on the list according to the date of application in the county from which they moved.

For adoptive families who have been approved and move to another county, we request that the agency in the county of their new residence evaluate any changes in the family situation as a result of the change in residence. In considering possible adoptive placement with the family, we request that the agency take into account the date the home study was completed in the former county of residence and the family's possible interest in adoption of a child with special needs.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact your Adoption Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA

This letter supercedes Social Service Letter (ADOPT) No. 6-76.